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# Holmes' Nomination As Envoy Approved

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The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted approval, 6-3 yesterday, of the nomination of Retired Brig. Gen. Julius C. Holmes as Ambassador to Iran.

Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.) and Sens. Theodore Green (D-R. I.), Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.), Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.) and H. Alexander Smith (R-N. J.) supported the nomination.

It was opposed by Sens. William Langer (R-N. Dak.), George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) and Wayne Morse (D-Oreg.).

Holmes defended before the committee in public testimony February 17 a speculative ship deal on which he said he made \$270,000 profit on a \$10,000 investment.

The nominee was one of sev-

eral persons indicted on conspiracy charges growing out of the sale of stock in a tanker company to Greek shipping magnate Stavros Niarchos.

Holmes called the indictment, which was subsequently dismissed, a "ghastly mistake." He testified that he knew nothing of the operations of the firm in which he invested \$10,000 in 1947 and drew \$280,000 within six years.

Assistant Secretary of State Thruston Morton told the committee the State Department was convinced that Holmes conducted himself with "complete propriety and honor."

George said he saw "no objection" to Holmes and predicted the Senate would confirm the nomination.